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Evangelism Conf. slated for Columbus

By William H. Perkins Jr. Editor

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The 2006 Mississippi State Evangelism Conference on January 22-24 at Fairview Church, Columbus, will prove to be a milestone in Mississippi Baptist life, according to the planners of the annual event

of the annual event. "The planning committee has endeavored to put together a conference program to meet the needs of those who are called to lead in evangelizing Mississippi," said Don Lum, a member of the planning committee and a consultant in the Sunday School Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. The conference will offer a number of different opportunities \_\_\_ geared important toward , Mississippi Baptist ministries, such as Sunday School growth women's and senior adult ministries."

The theme of the conference will be centered around "Acts 1:8, The Final Command." Among the conference personalities scheduled to speak are:

Southern Baptist
 Convention (SBC)
 President Bobby Welch,
 pastor of First Church,
 Daytona Beach, Fl.

 Jim Futral, executive director of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board (MBCB).

 Gray Allison, president emeritus of Mid-America Seminary in Memphis.

 Mickey Dalrymple, host pastor and MBCB president.

 Evangelist Vern Charette of Fort Worth, Texas.

 Evangelist Gene Douglas, head of By Faith Ministries in McComb.

 Bill Britt, president of Conference of Southern Baptist Evangelists and president of Compel Outreach Ministries in Mansfield, Texas.

 Ken Lyle, MBCB consultant and former executive director of the New England Baptist Convention.

 Wayne Marshall, pastor of Longview Heights Church,

Southaven, and an International Mission Board trustee.

 Charles Register, pastor of First Church, Gulfport.
 R.L. and Beth Sigrest, music

L. Graham Smith, director of the MBCB church music department.

 Slater Murphy, minister of music at Fairview Church, Columbus. The theme for the women's ministry program, which begins at Fairview Church at 9 a.m. on January 23, is "No One Can Fill your Shoes...Walking Worthy of His Calling." The program includes keynote speaker Paige Hughes, with Janet Rayford leading music. All women attending the Evangelism Conference are invited to attend the Ministers'

Spouses Luncheon at 11:30 a.m. There is no charge for the luncheon.

The Senior Adult Evangelism Rally will start at 10:30 a.m. on January 23 at Fairview Church. Paul Powell, former president of the Annuity Board of the SBC (now GuideStone Financial Resources), will be the keynote speaker. R.L. and Beth Sigrest will lead music.

Sunday School Growth
Conferences will be held
beginning at 9:45 a.m. on
January 24 at Fairview
Church. Among the breakout session topics are:

• Bible Study Outside

the Walls of the Church, led by Neal Hughes, national missionary for multi-housing church planting at the North American Mission Board in Atlanta.

 Growing Sunday School Through Starting New Units, led by David Grumbach, pastor of Petal-Harvey Church, Hattiesburg, and Wendall Frazier, minister of education at Petal-Harvey Church.

 Praying People into God's Kingdom, led by Kevin Meador, evangelist and president of Prayer Closet Ministries, Inc., in Decatur.

 Calling Women to Share God's Heart, led by Paige Hughes, keynote speaker for the Evangelism Conference women's track.

Golden Triangle Association, which is head-quartered in Columbus, will sponsor the Golden Triangle Regional Evangelism Rally at 7 p.m. on January 22 at Fairview Church, in conjunction with the Evangelism Conference. For more information on the Evangelism Rally, contact Golden Triangle Association at (662) 328-6802. E-mail: gtba@ebicom.net.

For more information on the Evangelism Conference, including information on overhight accommodations, visit www.mbcb.org and click on "State Evangelism Conference" in the Featured Events section. Contact: Laura Marler in the State Missions Office at (601) 292-3231 or toll-free outside Jackson (800) 748-1651, ext. 231. E-mail; lmarler@mbcb.org.



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# Dear Legislator...

The 2006 session of the Mississippi Legislature is revving up to full-speed, as proposed legislation moves to committees and will soon be coming up on a series of deadlines.

As anyone knows who even casually tracks the annual three-month sessions of the Legislature, many bills are introduced but relatively few make it into law. The complex set of checks and balances both inside the legislative process and in the broader branches of state

government have a tendency to winnow the hundreds and hundreds of bills that are filed and pre-filed for each session.

Legislators have to absorb their share of criticism, cynicism, and caricature during their time under the hoary domes of the New Capitol in downtown Jackson. Some of the ridicule showered on them is likely deserved (by some of them, anyway), but a fair amount is not deserved.

They are, after all, our fellow Mississippians. For every citizen who couldn't find their way to either chamber in the Capitol but feels free to regularly slam

legislators, there are at least a few of us who realize that most legislators are well-meaning people who must put aside their families, businesses, and community activities for one-quarter of each year to come to Jackson for the session.

That's no small sacrifice, so it would behoove us to occasionally tell them how much we appreciate the effort even as we loudly complain about what we perceive they are doing or not doing.

The Mississippi Baptist Christian Action Commission (CAC) has some helpful hints on how to make contact with legislators, how to get a point across without dooming favored legislation, and how to follow up on the progress of important measures:

• The best communicating is done

face-to-face. Make an appointment and be on time. Bring an outline of the one or two main issues you want to discuss. Be brief,

recommend specific solutions, and leave a written summary

of your important points. It's fair to ask the legislator for his/her position on the bills in which you are interested. Don't take it personally if the legislator disagrees. Rather than argue, discuss differences in a pleasant manner.

 If a personal visit is not possible, write your legislator.
 Writing can save a legislator's time (a plus in your favor) and provides a record of your position on proposed legislation. Include your full name, address, and telephone number. The address for legislators while in session is P.O. Box 1018, Jackson, MS 39215-1018.

Individual e-mail addresses can be accessed at www.ls.state.ms.us

 Do your research. Know the bills about which you are writing, and include any specific information you have such as the bill number and details. Bill status can be attained by calling (601) 359-3719 while the legislature is in session, or by going to www.ls.state.ms.us.

 Telephone calls do not substitute for personal visits and letters. When telephoning legislators, however, make efficient use of your time with them. Identify yourself and the bills you are for or against (again, one or two main issues is a good limit). Explain your reasoning and let them know how you want them to vote.

The telephone number for legislators while they are in session is (601) 359-3770 (House) and (601) 359-3267 (Senate). Just as with personal visits and letters, end the conversation by expressing your thanks for their time.

 Citizens can request to testify before committees about bills they strongly support or oppose. Find out the name of the appropriate committee chairman and contact him as soon as possible. If given the opportunity to testify, get to the point quickly and be prepared to answer any questions legislators may have about your position.

The CAC, a ministry funded by the Mississippi Cooperative Program, stands ready to assist Mississippi Baptists who want to get involved in this grand process of self-governance we enjoy in our state and nation. They can be reached at P.O. Box 530, Jackson, MS 39205-0530. Telephone: (601) 292-3329 or toll-free outside Jackson (800) 748-1651, ext. 329. Fax: (601) 292-3350. E-mail: rwood@mbcb.org.

Take the time to get involved, or else just be content with whatever comes out of the legislative pipeline. Those are really our only two choices.



n Luke 1:39-45, Mary went to see her cousin Elizabeth. The Angel Gabriel told Mary she would give birth to Jesus, the Messiah. Though Elizabeth was much older, she was expecting her first child who would eventually be John the Baptist. When Mary came into the room and spoke, the baby in the womb of Elizabeth, only six months along, leapt inside her and the Spirit of God filled Elizabeth.

It is amazing that the sixmonth old fetus — the Greek word for offspring - recognized the voice of the Mother of Jesus, a voice he had never heard before. God was at work in the life of that unborn child, three months before it was born. It leaped for joy. That baby experienced emotions.

Our courts, however, have decreed that a fetus is not a baby until it is born completely. In some states it is legal to abort a baby the same day it would have naturally been delivered. In all states it is legal to abort an unborn child up to the age of John the Baptist when this bib**GUEST OPINION:** 



Ten minutes in America

By Rick Henson, pastor Oakdake Church, Brandon

lical event occurred. Our gov- women suffer physical and psyernment will pay for many of chological damage from a those abortions, including the most horrendous — the lateterm abortion. In this brutal act the abortionist delivers only the baby's head, excavates its brains with a suction device, and then delivers a dead baby.

Since the Roe v. Wade Supreme Court decision in the early 1970's, Americans have had over a million abortions each year. Abortion is the most performed surgical procedure in America, yet it is the least regulated. Many tions but are too ashamed to seek help, so they suffer in silence.

During the 10 minutes you have been reading this article, 19 babies were killed by medical abortion; 2,736 since this time yesterday; 19,152 since last Saturday morning; 164,340 since six months ago; and 1,008,495 since this date last year.

One of those children may have discovered a cure for cancer, or AIDS, or the flu. One of those children may have been

the one that your child would have taken to the Senior Prom, or married. How many of those children may have been a pastor, or a medical missionary, or taught your grandchild in elementary school? Those children

would have brought much hap-piness to many people.

Those 19 children that were killed during this time will never crawl up in Mommy's lap, or go fishing with Dad, or color a picture that gets hung on the refrigerator door, or miss a line in a school play, or intercept a pass, or hit a home run, or fail an algebra test, or be 16 years old. Those 19 children will never fall down and skin their knee, or go on a first date, or raise a family of their own. Those 19 children will never be born because their mother and/or father chose to destroy the gift that God gave them.

Legally we have a choice. Please choose life. What a wonderful choice.

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# Woolmarket Church serves as disaster hub

By William H. Perkins Ir

As Pastor Paul Crowley slowly made his way into Biloxi the day after Hurricane Katrina to assess the damage to Woolmarket Church, the scenes of almost complete devastation along the way made him shud-der. In addition to the church's expansive facilities directly in the path of the storm, he and his family reside in the parsonbehind the church's age behind the Christian Life Center.

"When my oldest son Andrew and I returned on Wednesday afternoon from Tupelo, we were relieved to see the buildings all standing," he said — including, to his relief, the parsonage. "Our home was all dry on the inside.

Woolmarket Church's location several miles inland may have spared the church from the storm's furious 30-foot surge that wiped out virtually everything closer to the coastline, but wind damage was significant. As roofing was peeled away by hours of unrelenting hurricane-force winds, rain poured into the worship center, choir room, education building, and offices.

"One of the greatest reliefs I had was to see the Christian Life Center still standing, because I knew at some point in time we would be able to house relief workers. We had done that in '98 during Hurricane Georges. We would be able to reach out to the community and help folks who were hurt-

ing," Crowley said. Immediate needs were quickly addressed so the church could focus on the needs of the community. Blue tarps were placed over the holes in the roof, while soaked walls and flooring were torn out and removed from the building.

One of the biggest challenges was moving the church's threeday-a-week preschool program from one of the damaged buildings into the gym at the Christian Life Center. The gym



BACK IN ACTION — Paul Crowley (left), pastor of Woolmarket Church, Biloxi, confers with Kathy Cuevas, the church's preschool program director, outside the temporary classrooms that were constructed in the church's Christian Life Center to house the program after Hurricane Katrina severely damaged large portions of the church. The Christian life Center has also housed over 1,500 disaster relief volunteers since the monster storm struck in late August. (Photo by William H. Perkins Jr.)

> surrounding community. According to the pastor, the church's Christian Life Center has housed more than 1,500 disaster relief volunteers, including Mississippi Baptists and state Baptist convention volunteers from Florida, Alabama, North Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, and Kentucky.

"What I'm seeing and what I'm hearing is that the people on the Gulf Coast, the people in Woolmarket, and in other areas, are very much aware of the fact that it's been the body of Christ has been here to meet those immediate needs and to lend a helping hand.
"I think that has already

done and will continue to do

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wonders in opening doors for churches like ours to be able to talk to people in our communi-They know someone embodying Christ has been to their house and cut a tree down, pulled out sheetrock, brought them some cold water - whatever it was - and those are going to open the doors of opportunity for us to make an inroad into the community and touch them with the love of Christ," he stressed.

When Jesus was here on earth, he met physical needs and as a result of that He was able to share with them the truth of who He was, and I think we'll see the same thing on the Coast for years to come," Crowley said.

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# Miss. Baptist churches celebrate significant anniversaries in '06

The Mississippi Baptist churches (below) with asso-istorical Commission ciation membership noted, (MBHC) notes that a total of 47 churches will celebrate significant anniversaries in 2006, representing 5,775 years of service in Kingdom work. Each church will receive a framed certificate and a letter of commendation from the commission.

"The commission delighted to assist churches in planning, executing, and evaluating special anniver-sary celebrations," said MBHC Executive Secretary Edward L. McMillan of Clinton. "In" 2006, these

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ciation membership noted, will reach the identified milestone and are urged to celebrate their significant anniversary."

floor was swiftly subdivided

and formed into classrooms

with plywood panels for walls.

Sounds of childish laughter

shifted to the Christian Life

Center, and the temporary

classrooms are also being used

are able to have worship. We

are able "to have our Sunday

School classes, and in the right time we'll be able to get the

other buildings put back together to return to somewhat

normal activites," Crowley said.

itself, Woolmarket Church has

also worked hard to touch the

While turning inward to heal

by Sunday School classes.

The church's offices were

We are able to function. We

soon filled the facility.

Any Mississippi Baptist church with a significant anniversary but not on the list below can be included by contacting MBHC at P.O. Box 4024, Clinton, MS 39058. Telephone: (601) 925-3434. Email: mbhc@mc.edu.

### 200 years

Ebenezer (Mississippi) First, Waynesboro (Wayne)

Cumberland (Webster) First, Verona (Lee) Gunnison (Mid-Delta) Liberty (Smith) Mars Hill (Winston) New Black Jack (Neshoba) New Hope (X-tended Missions Network\*) Pleasant Hill (Lincoln) Shubuta (Clarke) Shuqualak (Noxubee)

### 125 years

Bethel (Jones) Calvary (Lauderdale) First, Poplarville (Pearl River)

First, Sharon (Jones) High Hill (Neshoba) Leesburg (Rankin) Linwood (Neshoba) Mt. Olive (Lauderdale) New Hope (Simpson) New Zion (Mississippi) Paris (Lafayette) Siloam (Franklin)

### 100 years

Bentonia (Yazoo) Boulevard (X-tended Missions Network\*) Cash (Scott) Derma (Calhoun) Egypt (Chickasaw) Enon (North Central)

First, Calhoun City (Calhoun) First, Richton (Perry) First, Woodland (Chickasaw) Hazel (Newton) Ingomas (Union Co.) Ingram (Prentiss) Louin (Jasper) Macedonia (Lebanon) Mantee (Webster) Morgan City (Leflore) Oakvale (Lawrence) Pearl Valley (Copiah) Ruhuma (Noxubee) Star (Rankin) Tishomingo (Tishomingo) West Salem (Greene)

formerly Northwest Association

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VTIA GK SZA CDTSZ XC
SZA JXB XC YXE, FZX
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Clue: Q = C
Have fun with cryptography and exercise your Bible knowledge. A
King James Version Bible verse has been encoded by letter substitution.
The same letter is substituted throughout the puzzle. Solve by trial and error. Answer to last week's puzzle: Acts Twenty-Six:Sixteen.

YDVDSTDBJ SFX:SFABSK



### THE WORST MONDAY OF THE YEAR

Welcome to 2006 but brace yourself for January 23rd! Back on January 24, 2005, my day had already gotten off to a good start. Although it was cold and the sun was bright and shiny, I had gotten in some morning exercise, devotional time, and oatmeal. Then on the morning news they announced that this was the worst Monday of the year. My ears perked up and I listened intently as they explained that a group of psychologists in England got together and figured out that this day, the fourth Monday in January, could be the worst Monday of the year. They gave four reasons:

One, the debts from Christmas would be arriving and the reality of the payment of those expenditures would be weighing heavily on our minds. Be sure your "charges" will find you out!

Two, the disappointment of failed New Year's Resolutions would be setting in. In America, over one-half of the adults make some resolutions. Here it is 24 days into the New Year and it looks like we are not going to lose that 15 pounds, or be able to stop whatever bad habit it was that we were committed to quitting, or not be able to run five miles each morning. For those who just generally made resolutions to be happier or a better person, it is beginning to look like it is not going to happen.

like it is not going to happen.

Three, the weather is about as cold as it generally gets throughout the year and can be dreary and miserable.



# Directi ns

Jim Futral, executive director-treasurer Mississippi Baptist Convention Board

Four, the short days or the long, long winter nights begin to take their toll on us. The darkness is depressing

darkness is depressing.

So according to the psychologists, people wake up on this Monday to the worst Monday they will have all year. All or none of that stuff was really having an affect on me until they brought it up. What I thought was a pretty good day in progress didn't look so good after all. I battled off the thoughts they had placed in my mind and tried to replace them with good and wonderful things that were just ahead.

were just ahead. I mean, life is good! The Lord had immensely blessed me over the weekend. The experiences at church had been both encouraging and Jesus, challenging. promised never to leave or forsake me, was living out His promise moment by moment. Besides that, I was going to be speaking to a wonderful, large gathering of senior adults on morning Monday and Monday afternoon we would kick-off our State Evangelism Conference in Hattiesburg. I concluded that at least in regard to this one issue the psychologists had missed the mark. Bless their hearts, they did not live in Mississippi, may not know the Jesus we serve, and obviously had just gotten together to discover something about which to grumble. Then beyond just the moment of thinking about this day, this one day of which they were trying to convince me was a bad and blue Monday, I thought to myself, "Praise God, this is really Why? Well, the thought occurred to me that if this was the worst Monday I was going to have all year, bring on the other 51!

Now before these English psychologists or I get you depressed or down in the dumps, just remember that for the believer life is only going to get better. Ultimately, honestly, it is going to get better. I didn't say there would not be challenges, trials, moments of concern, and even pain, but ultimately life in Christ only gets better. As you live serving Christ you see the broadening ways of influence and impact of your faithfulness. As life begins to wane and you struggle with even the simplest of life's processes, you realize that the Lord still loves you and cares for you. He is not going

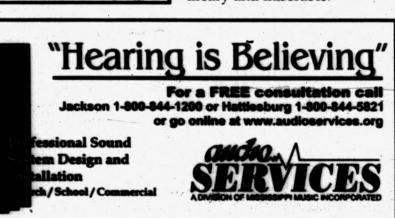
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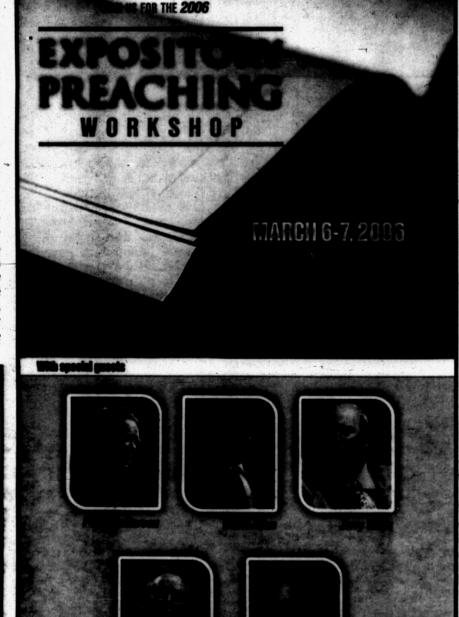
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to forsake you any day or in any way, and then when death arrives you realize that God has provided for everything. There is full release and freedom. There is total healing. There are renewed and glorious relationships and there is joy unspeakable and full of glory in the presence of the Lord, The way the Apostle Paul phrased it was, "For me to live is Christ but to die is gain."

All you need to do is walk down that same road of the unbeliever and you will soon find that for that person, whatever life may be now is ultimately only going to get worse. The worst Monday of the year — bring it on! Let's enjoy it, celebrate it, serve in it, and look forward to the next day as the Lord welcomes us to experience the good things He has prepared for those who love Him. In fact, this is the day the Lord hath made. I will rejoice and be glad in it. Welcome each day.

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# Scholarship Ministry

The apostle Paul expressed confidence in his Lord when he declared, "And my God shall supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:19). This well-known verse highlights the focus of the Mississippi Baptist Foundation's Scholarship Ministry.

Due to the generosity of many faithful Christian stewards, the Foundation has the privilege of providing needs-based supplemental financial assistance to Mississippi students who are pursuing a degree at a Mississippi Baptist college or a Southern Baptist seminary. Most of these endowed scholarship accounts offer specific eligibility guidelines for awarding a scholarship grant. Factors such as field of study, institution attended, and scholarship amount often are included as stipulated criteria for award consideration.

For more information about the Mississippi Baptist Foundation Scholarship Ministry, please contact our office at Post Office Box 530, Jackson, MS 39205, telephone us at (601) 292-3210, or (800) 748-1651, or visit our website, www.mbcb.org/agencies/mbf. A completed

application must be received in the MBF office by April 30.

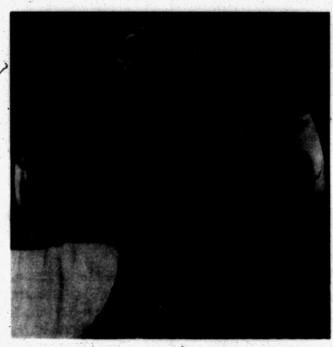
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What I tell you in the darkness, speak in the light; and what you hear whispered in your ear, proclaim upon the

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### Fairview Baptist Church, Columbus January 23-24, 2006

MONDAY AFTERNOON SESSION - "EMPOWERING GOD'S PEOPLE"

1:30 - 1:45 Praise and Worship - R.L. & Beth Sigrest

1:45 - 2:00 Call to Prayer - Ken Lyle

2:00 - 2:20 The Value of Revival in Evangelism - Bill Britt

2:20 - 2:30 Music - R.L. & Beth Sigrest

2:30 - 3:00 Mississippi Preaching - Gene Douglas

3:00 - 3:30 Fellowship Break

3:30 - 3:45 Praise and Worship - R.L. & Beth Sigrest

3:45 - 4:30 Hearing God's Word - Verne Charette

5:00 - 6:30 **Evangelism Dinner** 

Keynote Speaker - Jim Futral

MONDAY EVENING SESSION - "BAPTIZING IN THE SPIRIT OF GOD"

Praise and Worship - Slater Murphy 6:30 - 6:45

6:45 - 7:00 Call To Prayer - Ken Lyle

7:00 - 7:20 The Value of Church Planting in Evangelism Wayne Marshall

7:20 - 7:30 Music - Slater Murphy

Gospel Preaching - Gray Allison 7:30 - 8:00

8:00 - 8:15 Praise and Worship - Slater Murphy

Everyone Can - Bobby Welch 8:15 - 9:00

TUESDAY MORNING SESSION - "EXPANDING GOD'S KINGDOM"

Praise and Worship - Graham Smith 8:30 - 8:45

Call To Prayer – Ken Lyle 8:45 - 9:00

The Value of Sunday School in Evangelism 9:00 - 9:30 Chuck Register

Fellowship Break 9:30 - 9:45

9:45 - 10:45 Sunday School Growth Conferences

10:45 - 11:00 Fellowship Break

11:00 - 11:15 Praise and Worship - Graham Smith

11:15 - 11:45 Challenge To Grow - Paul Powell

Benediction Noon

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### **2006 Christian Education Clinics**

Highland BC, Meridian, Feb. 4 Ridgecrest BC, Madison, March 4

- Advanced registration required
   Cost \$16 per conference
- · Participation earns 5 hours of approved staff development credit.
- On-site registration begins at 7:30 a.m.
   Each clinic is from 8 a.m. 1:15 p.m.

For more info, contact Don Hicks, Discipleship and Family Ministry Department Phone: 601-292-3287 or 1-800-748-1651, E-mail: dhicks@mbcb.org

# 2006 Senior Adults



### **Evangelism Rally**

Fairview BC, Columbus, **Monday, January 23** 8:30-11:45 a.m., 662-328-2924 **SEMINARS:** 

- (a) "Special Mission Opportunities to Touch Lives" Don Gann, Men's Ministry, MBCB
- (b) "No Passport Needed to Reach Internationals in Miss." Paula Smith, WMU, MBCB
- (c) "Reaching People Through Prayer"

  Kevin Meadors, Décatur (Prayer Closet Ministries)
- (d) "Kingdom Builders" Seniors Helping Enlarge the Kingdom Partnership David Alexander, Church Planting, MBCB
- (e) "Leadership: Reaching/Motivating Seniors for Mission,"
  Gayle Garrett, director, Senior Adults, Parkway BC, Clinton

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Music – R.L. & Beth Sigrest, Yazoo City

Message – Paul Powell, Tyler, Texas (Annuity Board)

### Spring Area Rallies

- Thursday, March 9
   Parkway BC, Clinton
- Monday, March 20 TBA
- Tuesday, March 21 FBC, Greenwood
- Monday, March 27
  West Jackson BC
  Tupelo
- Thursday, April 20 FBC, Natchez

### **Associational Leadership**

- Thufsday, Feb. 2, 7-9 p.m., Yazoo City, "Transformation of a Senior's Life," led by Gayle Garrett, Dir. Of Senior Adults, Parkway BC, Clinton (662-746-2471)
- Monday, Feb. 6, 7-9 p.m., Monticello BC, with Farley Earnest, former Min. of Seniors, FBC, Brandon (601-587-2214)
- Tuesday, Feb. 21, 7-9 p.m., Rolling Fork BC, "Transformation of a Senior's Life" led by Glenn Shows, MBCB (662-873-2862)

MISS. MINISTER OF SENIOR ADULT FELLOWSHIP (Staff with Senior Adult Responsibility)

Thursday, March 2, Camp Garaywa, Clinton (601-924-5062)

For more info: Discipleship and Family Ministry Dept., 601-292-3373 or 1-800-748-1651, ext. 373

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### SINGLE RESOLUTION Feb. 23-25, 2006

Broadmoor Baptist Church, Madison Speaker: Tate Cockrell

MISS. SINGLE MINISTER'S FELLOWSHIP
Thursday, Feb. 2

(For staff ministers with single adult responsibilities)

Location: Camp Garaywa, Clinton Time: 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

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Saturday, February 26
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3:00 p.m. General Session

3:15 p.m. "Financial Concerns for the Family"

Jerry Mixon, director, Stewardship Department, MBCB

4:15 p.m. "Steps to a Godly Home" (Cultural Pitfalls as a Parent) Don Hicks, preschool/children consultant

Discipleship and Family Ministry Department, MBCB 5:15 p.m. Supper

6:15 p.m. "Legacy of Love in a Marriage"

Glenn Shows, adult/family ministry consultant
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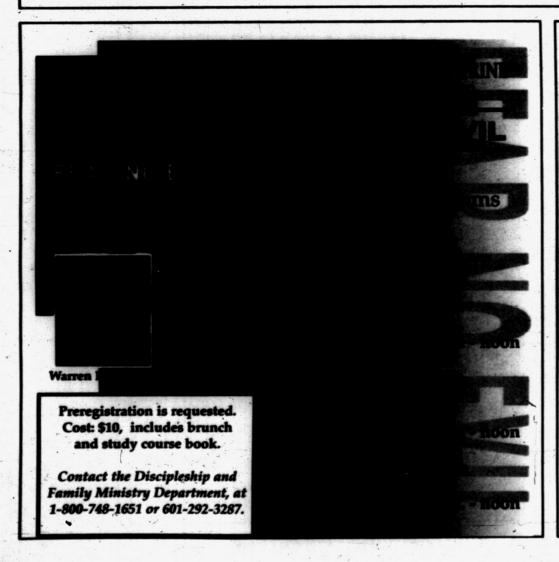
7:30 p.m. "Take Up The Towel ... As A Kingdom Family"

Jimmy Porter, executive director-treasurer
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8:30 p.m. Adjourn

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7:00			Session 1
8:15			Session 2
9:25			Creative Worship

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8:00 a	.m.	Late Registration
8:15	•	Open Performance
8:45		Session 3
10:00		Break, Shopping
10:45		Session 4
12:00	Lunch,	Open Performance
		Shopping
2:00 p	.m.	Session 5
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### COLLEGE & SEMENARY NEWS



School of Nursing, WCC

William Carey College will Celebrate a Century with Homecoming festivities January 20 and 21 on the Hattiesburg campus. Carey will celebrate its 100th anniversary in 2006 and several events are planned throughout the year including Homecoming. A Heart of our Mission luncheon will be held Friday at noon in the Glass Room of Thomas Business Building. All alumni who have served on home or foreign mission fields are invited. Trolly tours of the campus and downtown Hattiesburg will run from 1 until 5 p.m. Decade reunions begin at 5:30 p.m. in the Lorena Roseberry Smith Education Building. Hosted by the classes of 1956, 1966, 1976, 1986, 1996 and 2006, all students from each decade are invited to attend.

Roasts and Toasts, the Baptist Way, a casual catfish dinner which will include a fellowship time with retired faculty will begin at 7 p.m. Alumni and current students are invited to this event which will include entertainment. Saturday's events begin at 8:30 a.m. in the Lucile Parker Gallery with 100 years of memories, a historical display of memorabilia from Mississippi Woman's College and William Carey College. Remember the Good Times begins at 9:30 in the Smith Auditorium with an electronic scrapbook featuring the history of the college and a musical tribute to our centennial. The annual awards brunch begins at 11 a.m. followed by the Pi Kappa Delta (Speech and Debate) luncheon at 12:30 p.m. The Crusaders take on Belhaven College at 3 p.m. with the crowning of the Homecoming Queen and court held during half time. Everyone is invited to the 100th Birthday Party at 5:30 p.m. where guests will be treated to pizza, hamburgers and a giant cake. Sounds of a Century, a concert by the Winters School of Music will begin at 7 p.m. Faculty, students, alumni and special guests will perform a night of entertainment for the whole family. Anyone interested in additional information or to purchase tickets may call Donna Wheeler, alumni director, at (601) 318-6167.

William Carey College's School of Nursing recently received health supplies from nursing students visiting from Saginaw Valley State University in Michigan The students charin Michigan. The students chartered a bus and traveled to the coast to help with Katrina relief. Janet Williams, director of the bachelor of science in nursing program for the coast campus, organized the distribution of supplies in Gulfport. "I am touched by and thankful for their thoughtfulness," said Williams. "The students received such uplift of spirits from this demonstration that strangers cared for their recovery from Katrina devastation." Plans will be announced soon as to the location and building dates for a new Gulf Coast campus.

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### FAMILY BIBLE STUDY

Life Matters Matthew 9:18-31, 36-38

By Don Hicks

"Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them," Matthew 9:35-36 [NIV]. Jesus had compassion on the common people all around Him in the crowds. He was busily carrying out a successful preaching and teaching ministry. But His preaching and teaching were regularly interrupted by needy folks. We see that Jesus' "compassion" was real and He gave real help to those in need.

Jesus "saw the crowds, He had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd," Matthew 9:36.

**Hicks** 

The crowd needs Jesus' message of "the good news of the king-

dom." When Jesus analyzed the crowd he found "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few," Matthew 9:38 [NIV]. Jesus immediately gave us the answer to this sea of need -"Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field," Matthew 9:38 [NIV].

Has the Lord of the harvest sent you into His harvest field? We could work in the harvest as Sunday School teachers, Extended Session teachers, Discipleship leaders, Mission workers, deacons, or whatever because the Lord of the harvest sent us. If we do not feel the call from the Lord of the harvest, we should immediately seek His guidance as to where He

would have us work in His harvest.

Follow the flow of Jesus' ministry reported for us in Matthew 9:18-38. The ruler of the local synagogue came to Jesus with the emergency request for Jesus to come heal his daughter who was at the point

of death. Jesus immediately agreed and headed to the house where the girl was. But while on the way a woman who needed healing touched Jesus' robe and He stopped to heal her and speak to her.

Before Jesus arrived at the little girl's house she died. Jesus went in and took her hand and raised her from the dead. Jesus had no more than left the girl's house than two blind men interrupted him by calling out "Have mercy on us, Son of David." These persistent men barged into the house where Jesus went. Jesus healed them and walked out of that house to another interruption. Someone brought a demon possessed man who could not speak to Jesus and Jesus healed him.

None of the people healed in Matthew's ninth chapter were well known or important in the normal view of this world. Jesus cared for and valued the life and the quality of life of these people without regard to the value the world placed on them. With the story of the little girl we see that Jesus valued the life of a child. It seems obvious to this writer that Jesus values the life of every child even those who have not yet been born.

The Psalmist reminds us "For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful. I know that full well. My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place. When I was woven together in the depths of the earth, your eyes saw my unformed body. All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be," Psalm 139:13-16 [NIV].

In this chapter of Matthew's Gospel the Holy Spirit also preserved other details for us. The woman who interrupted Jesus on the way to the little girl's house was ceremonially unclean vet Jesus acknowledged her touch and healed her. The Pharisees would have their robes tucked in tightly to avoid touching one who was unclean like this woman. Jesus' compassion was so personal and sensi-tive He realized the woman's intentional touch of faith even in the jostle of the crowd. Jesus valued even the unclean. Don't miss the fact the women in that culture had little or no value, yet Jesus valued her.

The blind and the mute were not valued in the ancient world but they were valued by Jesus.

When Jesus calls you into His harvest you may be called on to minister to those our world does not value. If you value lives like Jesus rather than as our secular world values them, they may think the same of you as they did Jesus -"It is by the prince of demons that he drives out demons," Matthew 9:34 [NIV].

Hicks is a member of First Church, Clinton.

### EXPLORE THE BIBLE

Live in Respect

Leviticus 19:32, 2 Samuel 19:31-39, 1 Tim 5:1-2

By Shirley Heap

Respect and honor are due our elders of every generation. Many principles and commands of the Scriptures concerning respect for the elderly seem to be disregarded or out-dated for us today. Older people are often preyed upon by con artists or even abused or misused by family members. Our Lord loves those that are helpless, either babies or aged. We as God's children are responsible to protect and care for them. If we fail we are saying to the outside world that we do not value human life; we are not only disrespectful, we dishonor God.

1. Honor the Elderly (Leviticus 19:32)

Speaking as an older person, there are memories in childhood where my siblings and I were taught ways to show our respect for

elders. Sitting at the feet of my grandfather listening intently to his wisdom is a treasure that can be classified as 'priceless." The Jews taught their children to rise when an elder entered the room. Only a gesture of respect, we might say. This is just the first lesson in respect. Speaking kindly to older people with patience for their disabilities or handicaps shows respect and honor.

Elderly, aged, or gray hair speaks of those that are up in years; therefore, as a demonstration of love, honor is due them. No matter what infirmities they might have, the Lord loves them. The Bible speaks of many years on earth as a blessing from the Lord.

2.Care for the Elderly (2 Samuel 19:31-36) Sadness looms in

our homes and nursing homes where the elderly are totally ignored by their own families. We must realize that each stage of life needs a helping hand. God planned it that way.

David had concern for others and portrayed this in our Scripture passage. He wanted to honor the elderly Barzillai by taking him back to Jerusalem and caring for him the rest of his life. Barzillai, a wealthy man, had helped David during a terrible time in his struggle against Absalom.

Recognizing older people who have made an impact on our lives and honoring them for that impact can enhance their later life. In a few instances this might mean total care giving. The least we can do is show acts of kindness. We can meet some physical needs. Many times they just want someone to simply spend time with them and address emotional and spiritual needs.

3. Accept Decisions of the **Elderly**, (2 Samuel 19:37-39)

Often older people are treated as children and not allowed to live their individual lives. Being old does not mean that the person cannot reason and make good decisions. Most have lived through and survived situations that we cannot imagine. We must listen and give careful consideration to their desires. An elderly man said, "Life is still very real to each of us, exciting, interesting, and precious, so do not take away the best part of our lives."

Of course, there are special cases where intervention is necessary, but we must be careful not to impose our view on them because it suits our schedule or lifestyle. Respect comes in many forms. Affirming the rights of an

elderly person is just one. David listened to Barzillai and let him know he would respect his desire and still be there if he needed him.

4. Treat the Elderly as Family (1 Timothy 5:1-2)

As a child I remember having many aunts and uncles in our church. When I got older, it became evident that they were not related at all. We were taught to address them with this title of respect even though they were not related. We were also taught to obey our elders whether or not they were relatives. As Christians, we should teach our children to respect elders, regardless of relationship. In our Scripture passage, Paul saw the importance of this by passing it on to the young minister, Timothy. As God's children in today's society we can go a long way in reaching those who are lost by reflecting our Lord's love by dignifying our elders with respect and courtesy.

So we must not fail "to show respect for the good and gentle as well as the unreasonable." (1 Peter 2:18b). Every person is unique in God's sight, whether unborn, young, or old.

Heap is a member of Calvary Church, Waynesboro.

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3. Deacon Ordination, **Bolton Church, Bolton** 

- Some 50 senior citizens from First Church, Kosciusko, recently visited Branson, Mo. Shown are the participants.
- A new Hispanic church ground breaking was held Dec. 4 in Carthage. Shown are Hulion Mooney, project manager; former property owner Joe Sanders; Ricky Turner, chairman Hispanic Committee; John Sharp, pastor of Corinth Church (sponsoring Church (sponsoring church); Joel Medina, pastor; Keith Fulton, Leake Association moderator; and Joe Abel, missions director.
- 3. Bolton Church, Bolton, recently ordained Michael Ellis as deacon. Shown are pastor Jackie Banes and Ellis.



1. Senior Citizens Trip to Branson; First Church, Kosciusko



2. Hispanic Church Groundbreaking, Carthage

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### **O**blicary

Charles Leroy Boland, Sr., 95, passed away Dec. 15, 2005, with services Dec. 17 at Baldwin-Lee Funeral Home Chapel, Pearl, with burial in Church Zion cemetery,

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Boland held degrees from Pontotoc High School, Mississippi College, and Southwestern Seminary. He pastored churches in Texas and Mississippi, and taught in sev-eral schools in Mississippi, including 13 years at Pearl High School until his retirement in 1975. Survivors include his wife of almost 71 years, Flora Kenney Boland; daughter Donie Coleman and husband Carl, Brandon; son Charles C.B. Boland and wife Patsy, Water Valley; one sister, two brothers, five children, nine great-grandchildren, and two great-great grandchildren.

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